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In re Application of: )  
Shi-You Ding et al. ) Art Unit: 1652  
Serial No.: 09/917,376 )  
Filing Date: July 28, 2001 ) Examiner: Sheridan Swope  
Title: Thermal Tolerant Avicelase from )  
*Acidothermus cellulolyticus* )

**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 C.F.R §§ 1.136 AND 1.17(a)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patents and Trademark Office  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The applicant herewith petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Official Action, dated April 9, 2002 for one (1) month from May 9, 2002 to June 9, 2002 to prepare a response to the Examiner's rejections. Applicant authorizes the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to charge the amount of \$55.00 for the fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(a) to Applicant's Deposit Account No. 14-0460.

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